

**What is claimed is:**

1. A cleaning apparatus for a nozzle having a slit-like discharge opening in the lower end thereof, comprising:

a cleaning tank which is filled with a cleaning liquid; and

5 a cylindrical long-length brush which is disposed within said cleaning tank so that the axis of said brush is parallel to said slit-like discharge opening,

wherein the length of said long-length brush is substantially the same as the length of said nozzle, and said brush is rotatable around the axis of the brush and can be reciprocated in the horizontal direction perpendicular to the axis and also in the vertical 10 direction.

2. The cleaning apparatus for a nozzle according to claim 1, wherein the hair structure of the long-length brush is arranged obliquely with respect to the axis of the brush so as to be in contact with the lower end of the nozzle to be cleaned in an oblique direction.

3. A cleaning apparatus for a nozzle having a slit-like discharge opening in the lower 15 end thereof, comprising:

a cleaning tank which is filled with a cleaning liquid; and

two cylindrical long-length brushes which are disposed within said cleaning tank so that the axes of said brushes are parallel to the slit-like discharge opening,

wherein said two long-length brushes are located in a position where the hair 20 structures thereof are in contact with each other so as to sandwich the lower end of said nozzle therebetween, and

wherein the length of each long-length brush is substantially the same as the length of said nozzle, and each brush is rotatable around the axis of the brush and can be reciprocated in the horizontal direction perpendicular to the axis and also in the vertical 25 direction.

4. The cleaning apparatus for a nozzle according to any one of claims 1-3, wherein a brush cleaning means for scraping a material attached to the long-length brush is provided within the cleaning tank.